

# KNOW YOUR ENEMY

## THE CLASS SYSTEM

We live in a bitterly divided class society. It consists of the working class, the middle class and the ruling class. We, the working class, who comprise the vast majority of the population, are forced to sell our labour and brains to meet our basic needs: food, housing, clothing, etc. The Salaries we earn are but a mere fraction of what we produce for the bosses and the ruling class. Workers may each be able to make 20 or 30 video machines a week, but our salaries will only allow us to buy one, if even that! This is one example of capitalism. We produce the wealth, not for ourselves, but for the ruling class who "reinvest" this wealth back into the banks, machinery, raw materials, etc - and ultimately into the luxurious lifestyles they are able to lead. This keeps the cycle of capitalism rolling - always to the benefit of the rich. This tiny elite, the ruling class, made up of the most greedy parasites such as politicians, church leaders, managing directors, top cops, generals, etc, own and control everything. They have the money, the land and the power. **5% OF THE POPULATION OWN 80% OF ALL WEALTH** (Workers Solidarity - May/June '95). The state - government, ministries, police, army, schools, prisons, media, mental homes, etc. - though it may occasionally work against capitalism, keeps this process in order, and crushes those who dare to resist. We cannot expect real change to come through parliament, just as we cant expect real justice through the courts. These institutions were set up and the rules made by the ruling class, to protect their own interests and control working class anger.

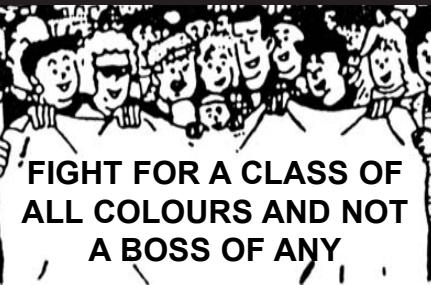
## DIVIDE AND RULE

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## NOTHING TO LOSE!

One of our first tasks as class struggle anarchists is to expose these false divisions, mystifications, and lies that prevent the workers and poor from uniting and struggling together. We encourage and participate in working class struggles and strive to see anarchist ideas and tactics accepted and used by those involved and argue for solidarity within the working class. We urge those involved in struggle to take control of their own fight directly, and, as such, are strongly opposed to all those groups, parties and organisations that dare to think they can lead the working class. History has proven, time and time again, that the most successful actions the working class have done are when we have worked by ourselves, without the "help" of trade union bureaucrats, the vanguards, the parties, etc. As a class, we must see through and smash all obstacles strewn in our path to revolution by the trade union bosses, politicians and the leftist reformists. We can only do this by constant day-to-day class struggle.



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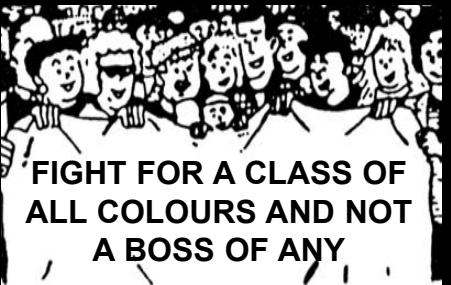
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## GOT NO CLASS?

Attempts have been made to say that class is a thing of the past, apparently because we might own a TV set and might be able to afford a video recorder after slaving away in a crummy office or stinking factory for years, but the power and wealth stays firmly in the hands of the capitalists. The mystification and deliberate attempt at confusing class is vital to the rich elite.

## AS ANARCHISTS...

Regardless whether we're unemployed, working or running the home we are united by the fact that we have to struggle at the bottom end of the capitalist system to survive. We have lots to gain and little to lose by a revolution. It may be clichéd to talk of revolt, but it's even more ridiculous to carry on as we are. Because of our position in society, only the working class can be the revolutionary class because only we don't need to exploit to exist. We as a class have created all the wealth in this world. It's our labour that built the homes, hospitals, roads, etc. It's our work that brings in the food from the countryside, and it's our brains that have created all the socially useful objects and machines. WE BUILT THIS WORLD! Why do we allow the capitalist ruling class to steal it all from us? It's our world, we can run it, we can organise without them; without the rich parasites and their protectors, the police and army.

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## FIGHT BACK!

Asked nicely, the rich will never give up their stolen, spoilt lives. We would be crazy to expect them to. Millions of people around the world are not only fed up, they're fighting back. From Berlin to New York, from Soweto to the Middle East, we're sick of being ripped off and pushed about! Fight for a world without bosses and without leaders, whatever flag they choose to wave

## ANARCHISM (BRIEFLY)

Anarchism is revolutionary anti-state socialism. In practical terms, anarchists aim for the destruction of the power of the ruling elite, and of all relationships based on domination and submission. This means taking over our industries and communities and changing them to meet the needs of all, as well as the ecological needs of the environment. Without this takeover, we can struggle within capitalism, but never replace it. Anarchism will be created by millions of people not a dictatorial elite (we are not Marxist-Leninists), and all will have their part to play in shaping it. Power will lie within the federations and organisations created by and for the revolution, not with political parties who will try to dominate and destroy them. The new society will not be born through abstract ideas, but will come out of the realities of struggle and the need for working class people to unite. Such struggle doesn't just involve resistance to ruling class power (strikes, mass protests and other forms of direct action), but also construction - the building of new, locally based federal organisations, plus the forging of solidarity and the willingness to go all the way. There is no truce in a class war. The answer to ruling class power is continual widening struggle for social revolution and anarchism.

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